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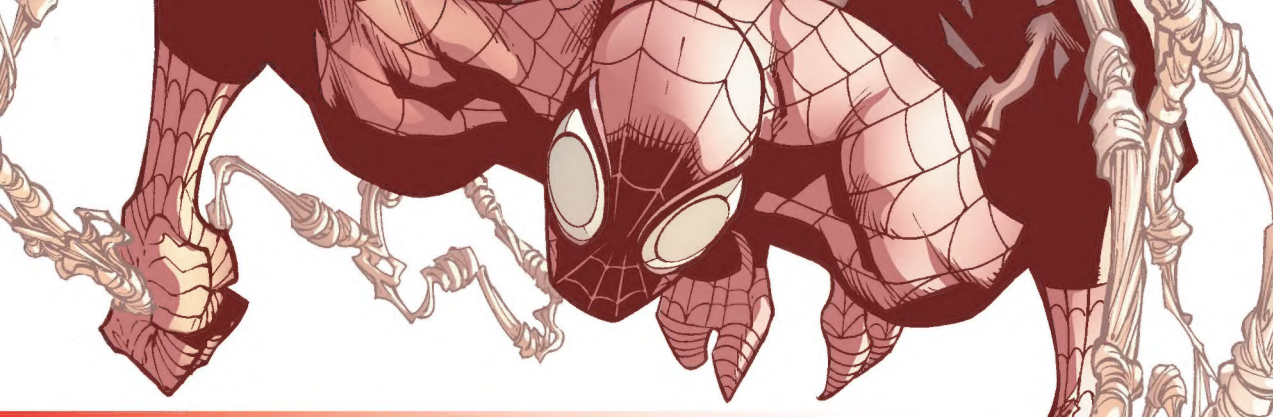

THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN

IN A LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO SAVE HIMSELF FROM DEATH, **OTTO OCTAVIUS** SWAPPED MINDS WITH SPIDER-MAN, LEAVING **PETER PARKER** TO DIE IN HIS PLACE. TAKING ON PETER'S SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY, OTTO CARRIED ON HIS MISSION AS THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN.

PREVIOUSLY, WHEN THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN WAS TAKEN OVER BY THE **VENOM** SYMBIOTE, OTTO DID NOT HAVE THE STRENGTH OF WILL TO TEAR HIMSELF FREE OF ITS CONTROL. FORTUNATELY FOR OTTO... THE **PETER PARKER** SIDE OF THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN DID! THAT'S RIGHT! **PETER PARKER IS BACK!** BUT HOW?!

ONCE FREE OF VENOM, OTTO LIED TO THE **AVENGERS,** TELLING THEM TRACES OF THE SYMBIOTE HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF HIS RECENT STRANGE BEHAVIOR. THE **AVENGERS** DIDN'T BUY IT, AND ON FURTHER INVESTIGATION, THEY FOUND EVIDENCE SPIDER-MAN HAD SECRETLY DELETED FILES FROM THEIR COMPUTERS.

MEANWHILE, THE **GREEN GOBLIN** HAS SECRETLY BEEN TAKING OVER ORGANIZED CRIME IN NEW YORK. BUT THE **HOBGOBLIN'S** SCHEMES THREATEN TO DRAW SPIDER-MAN'S ATTENTION TO WHAT **BOTH** OF THEM ARE DOING. THIS CANNOT STAND—AND CAN ONLY LEAD TO ONE THING: **AN ALL-OUT GOBLIN WAR!**

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A FUTURE SITE OF ALCHEM
WORKING FOR TOMO
UNIT #2,557 SCANNING. GOBLIN PROTOCOL IN EFFECT. DISENGAGE.
NO ACTIVITY. CONTINUE SWEEP.
Rosebank, Staten Island.
AN ABANDONED OSCORP FACTORY.
PCHOOOM
HA HA HA HA
BRAK-A-KA
FIFTY GRAND TO WHOEVER TAKES OUT THE MOST OF THE GOBLIN'S MEN!
KZOW
A HUNDRED LARGE TO WHOEVER TAGS THAT GREEN IDIOT!
KRAASH

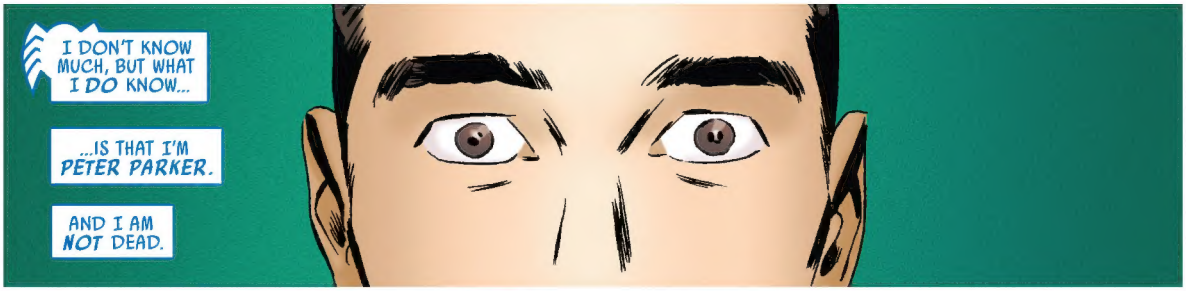
AND A FREE FRANCHISE FOR LIFE...
...TO ANYONE WHO HELPS ME KILL URICH! THE LITTLE TRAITOR!
HA! I MUST REALLY GET UNDER YOUR SKIN, KINGSLEY!
SLASHH
PCHOW
ARGH!
KRAK
STOP!
THE JOKE'S OVER! THIS BATTLE HAS GONE ON LONG ENOUGH!
EVERYONE, CEASE FIRE!

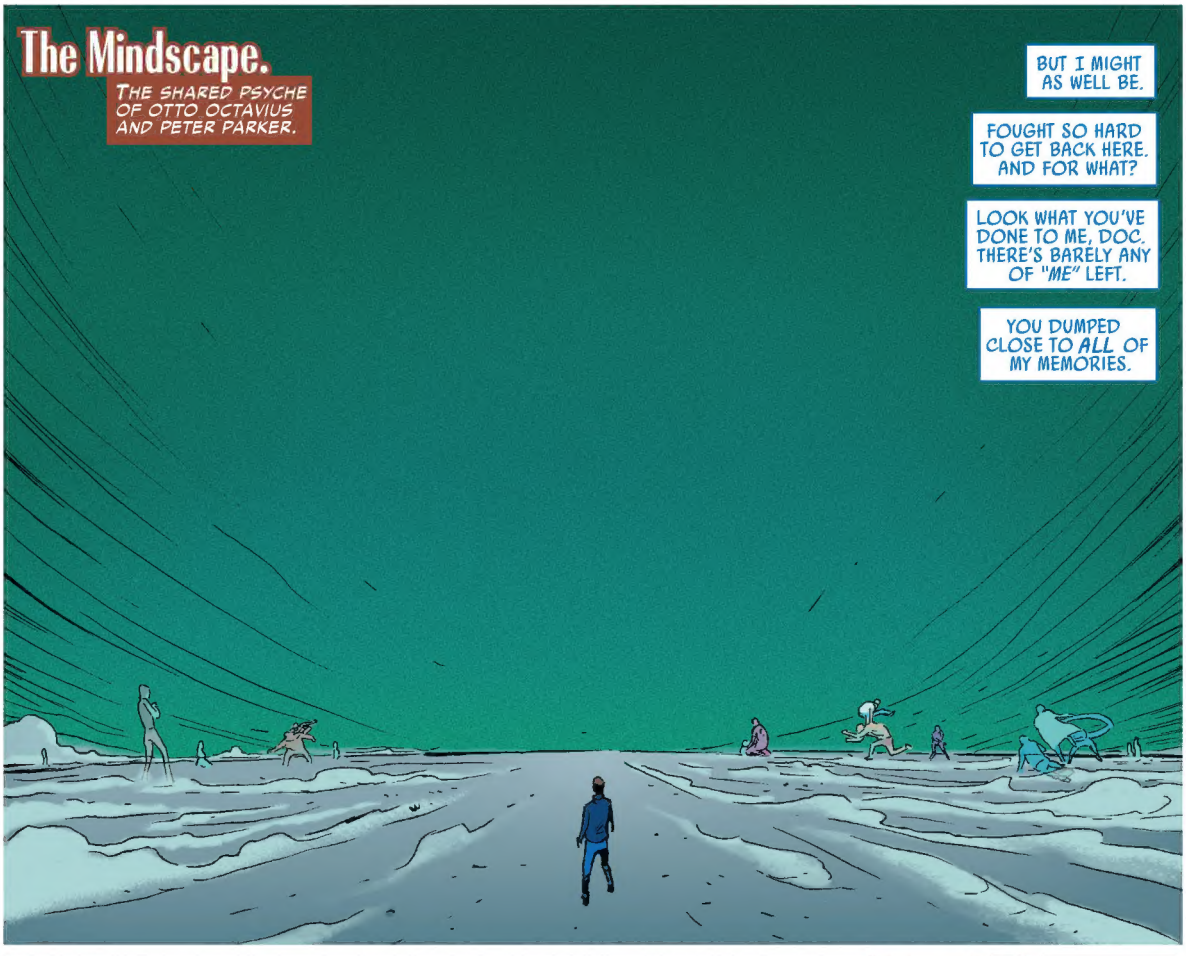
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS, GOBLIN?! A *TIME-OUT?!*
YOU STARTED THIS! IMPERSONATING ME! EGGING ME ON!
YOU *DECLARED* THIS WAR!
YOU *CAN'T* JUST CALL A TRUCE! THIS IS--
POINTLESS, KINGSLEY! AND *COSTLY.*
...
AH. *NOW* I'M SPEAKING YOUR LANGUAGE.
LOOK AROUND. ALL WE'RE DOING IS PICKING OFF EACH OTHER'S MEN. WINNOWING OUR FORCES. IT'S A *WASTE.*
THERE'S ALWAYS MORE WHERE *THEY* CAME FROM.
TRUE. BUT FINDING FRESH MEAT, TESTING THEM, TRAINING THEM...
...ALL TAKES PRECIOUS TIME, KINGSLEY. AND RIGHT NOW *EVERY* GOBLIN NEEDS AN ARMY.
AND FOR A GOOD REASON.
WHICH IS?
THE *SPIDER* HAS ONE.

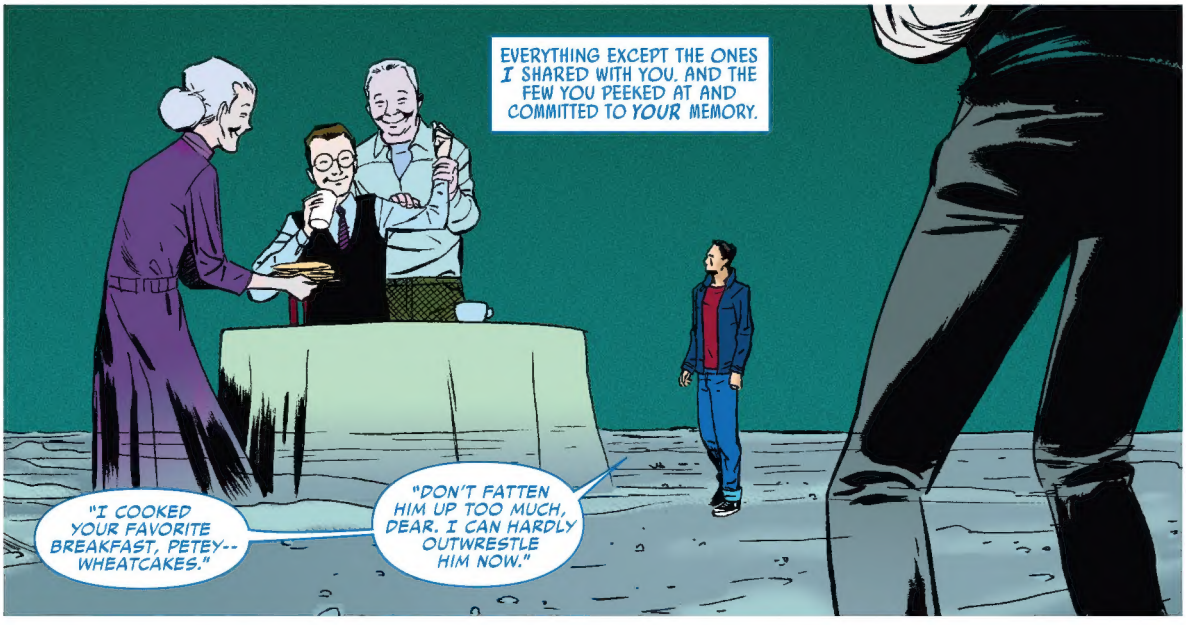
New York Harbor.
SPIDERLINGS, ATTACK!
WHATEVER IT TAKES! THESE WEAPONS WILL NOT FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS!
IMPOSSIBLE! HOW DID YOU KNOW OF OUR SHIPMENT?
OUR TANKER WAS STEALTH SHIELDED! THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD HAVE--
IMBECILE! I HAVE EYES EVERYWHERE. NOTHING IN THIS CITY ESCAPES MY SIGHT.
SPIDER-MAN.
WHAT?
WE'D LIKE TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU.
OH. IT'S YOU. NOT NOW. I'M BUSY.

ALL RIGHT THEN.
AVENGERS...
...DISASSEMBLE!
ZAAK
SNIKT
WOKK
KTANG
BOOM
KKKT

THWAP
NO. THIS IS AVENGERS BUSINESS. WE'RE DOING IT NOW.
VERY WELL, CAPTAIN. AND THIS IS PERTAINING TO WHAT EXACTLY?
YOUR PROBATION. IT'S OVER.


I DON'T KNOW MUCH, BUT WHAT I DO KNOW...
...IS THAT I'M PETER PARKER.
AND I AM NOT DEAD.


The Mindscape.
THE SHARED PSYCHE OF OTTO OCTAVIUS AND PETER PARKER.
BUT I MIGHT AS WELL BE.
FOUGHT SO HARD TO GET BACK HERE. AND FOR WHAT?
LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO ME, DOC. THERE'S BARELY ANY OF "ME" LEFT.
YOU DUMPED CLOSE TO ALL OF MY MEMORIES.


EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE ONES I SHARED WITH YOU. AND THE FEW YOU PEEKED AT AND COMMITTED TO YOUR MEMORY.
"I COOKED YOUR FAVORITE BREAKFAST, PETEY-- WHEATCAKES."
"DON'T FATTEN HIM UP TOO MUCH, DEAR. I CAN HARDLY OUTWRESTLE HIM NOW."

A SPIDER. IT BIT ME. BUT WHY IS IT BURNING SO? WHY IS IT GLOWING THAT WAY?
SPIDER-MAN.
I'M PETER PARKER AND I'M SPIDER-MAN.
NO. I'M JUST...
...FRAGMENTS.
THE LITTLE PIECES THAT GOT LEFT BEHIND.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
I--I COULDN'T BEAT OCK AT FULL STRENGTH.
WHAT CHANCE DO I HAVE NOW?

ALL RIGHT. YOU HAVE YOUR TRUCE. WHAT NOW?
WHAT INDEED? EERIE, ISN'T IT?
THE DIN OF WAR SUDDENLY STOPPING. FOLLOWED BY A PROFOUND HUSH.
ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT.
HA HA HA HA
EVER READ IT?
WHAT?
IT'S A BOOK, KINGSLEY. WITH COVERS. PAGES. AND EVERYTHING.
I KNOW WHAT IT IS.
MY FAVORITE PART. A SOLDIER WONDERS WHY A WAR CAN'T BE LIKE A BULLFIGHT...
...EXCEPT, HE SAYS, "IN THE ARENA THE MINISTERS AND GENERALS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, DRESSED IN BATHING DRAWERS AND ARMED WITH CLUBS..."
"...CAN HAVE IT OUT AMONG THEMSELVES."
"WHOEVER SURVIVES, HIS COUNTRY WINS."
SO IS THAT IT?
YOU AND ME. WINNER TAKES ALL? FINE. LET'S DO THIS...

--FOR *REAL!*

LIKE AN *IMITATION* LIKE *YOU* WOULD KNOW FROM *REAL?!*

YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A BAD COPY, KINGSLEY!

OR A COPY OF A COPY!

SHUT UP!

SO...WHO ARE YOU THIS TIME? FLASH THOMPSON? NED LEEDS? MACENDALE? OR POSSIBLY...

...THE BROTHER? *DANIEL* KINGSLEY?

NO. WAIT... HE DOESN'T HAVE THE *HEAD* FOR THIS ANYMORE.

UNHH! YOU BASTARD!

BUT THEN AGAIN HOW DO WE KNOW IT'S *YOU* UNDER THAT MASK?

MAYBE YOU'RE THAT LOSER, BART HAMILTON? OR...

YES! IT *IS* YOU! *OSBORN!* BUT NOT NORMAN...

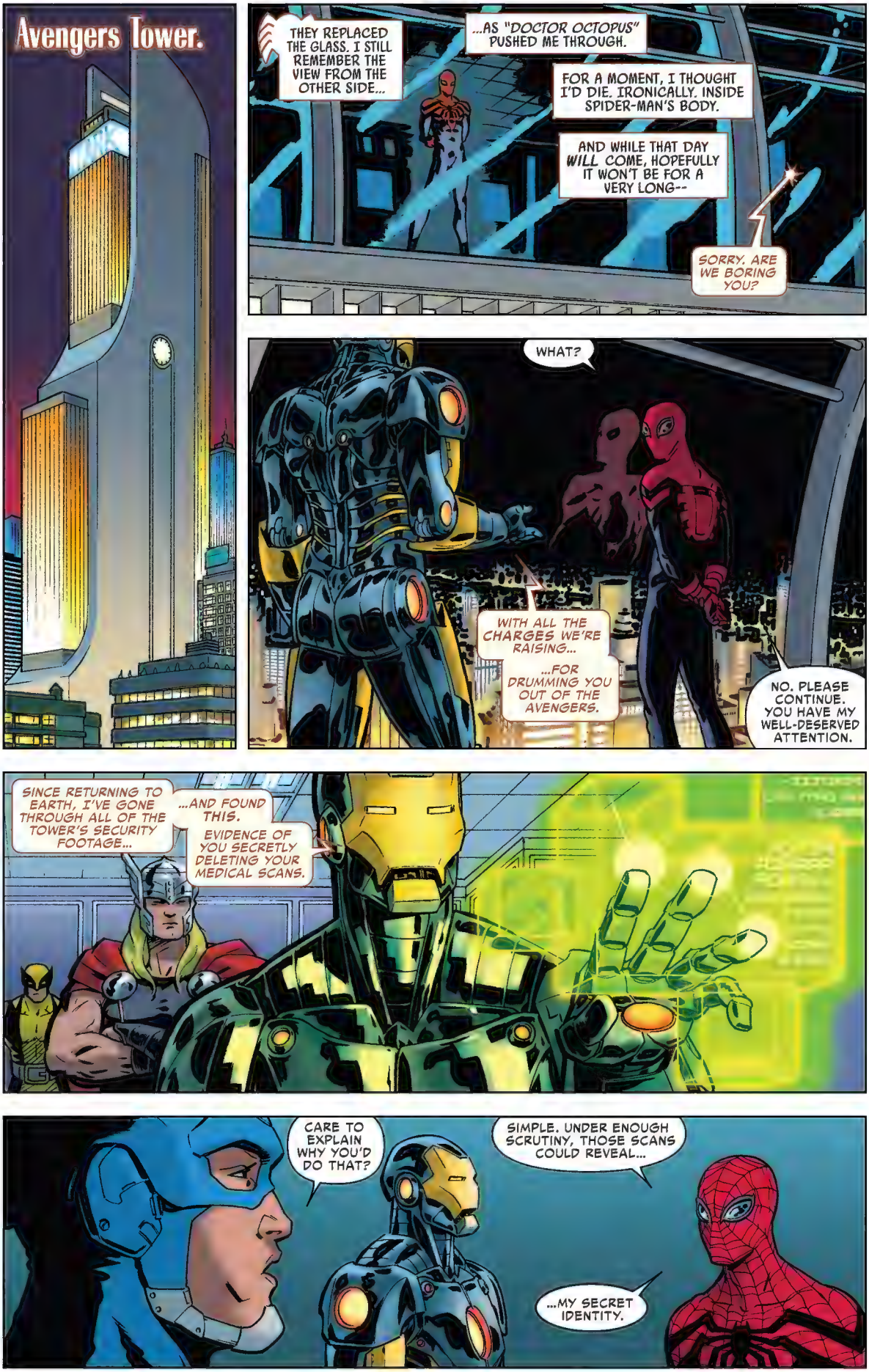
SLIKT

THE OTHER ONE. THE *DISAPPOINTMENT.* HARRY.

WHAT?! HOW *DARE* YOU SAY THAT ABOUT MY--

GYAAGHH!

FRRLEEH


Avengers Tower.
THEY REPLACED THE GLASS. I STILL REMEMBER THE VIEW FROM THE OTHER SIDE...
...AS "DOCTOR OCTOPUS" PUSHED ME THROUGH.
FOR A MOMENT, I THOUGHT I'D DIE. IRONICALLY. INSIDE SPIDER-MAN'S BODY.
AND WHILE THAT DAY WILL COME, HOPEFULLY IT WON'T BE FOR A VERY LONG--
SORRY. ARE WE BORING YOU?
WHAT?
WITH ALL THE CHARGES WE'RE RAISING...
...FOR DRUMMING YOU OUT OF THE AVENGERS.
NO. PLEASE CONTINUE. YOU HAVE MY WELL-DESERVED ATTENTION.
SINCE RETURNING TO EARTH, I'VE GONE THROUGH ALL OF THE TOWER'S SECURITY FOOTAGE...
...AND FOUND THIS.
EVIDENCE OF YOU SECRETLY DELETING YOUR MEDICAL SCANS.
CARE TO EXPLAIN WHY YOU'D DO THAT?
SIMPLE. UNDER ENOUGH SCRUTINY, THOSE SCANS COULD REVEAL...
...MY SECRET IDENTITY.

THAT *IS WHY* YOU LAUNCHED A *CIVIL WAR* AGAINST STARK. ISN'T IT, CAPTAIN?
SO I COULD HAVE THAT RIGHT TO PRIVACY?
AS IT STANDS, *THREE* OF YOU HERE ALREADY KNOW. AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THAT'S THREE TOO MANY.
THIS ISN'T OUT OF THE BLUE, SPIDEY. YOU'VE BEEN ACTING STRANGE. FOR A WHILE NOW.
AND YOUR LAST EXCUSE? THAT IT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE INFECTED BY VENOM? THAT JUST DOESN'T FLY.
JUST SAY THE WORD, KID. I KNOW SOME PSYCHICS. WE COULD CLEAR THIS UP IN NO TIME.
SO THAT'S ALL IT TAKES? SOMEONE ACTS "*STRANGE*" AND THAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO PRY INTO THEIR *MIND?*
I'VE ACTED "*STRANGE*" IN THE *PAST.* BEEN WANTED FOR MURDER! TREASON! ALL KINDS OF LAWLESSNESS!
SO WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT *THIS* TIME?
WHY *NOW?!*
BECAUSE FOR NOW, YOU'RE AN AVENGER.
MAYBE I SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT THESE SCANS? MAYBE I CAN SPOT SOMETHING THE OTHERS MISSED.
GOOD LUCK, STARK. THOSE FILES ARE *GONE.* I MADE CERTAIN.
REALLY? DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW HARD IT IS TO WIPE ALL TRACES OF SOMETHING OFF A HARD DRIVE?
"NO! I'M NOT JUST GONNA SIT BACK AND DO NOTHING..."

...I AM PETER PARKER! I AM SPIDER-MAN!
AND IF I KNOW ANYTHING IT'S THAT...
...ANYONE CAN WIN A FIGHT WHEN THE ODDS ARE EASY!
IT'S WHEN THE GOING'S TOUGH-- WHEN THERE SEEMS TO BE NO CHANCE--
--THAT'S WHEN IT COUNTS!
YOU MADE A BIG MISTAKE, OCTAVIUS. THE MEMORIES YOU'VE LEFT ME ARE THE KEY ONES--
--THE MOMENTS THAT DEFINE ME! YOU HAVEN'T WIPED ME OUT. YOU'VE BURNED ME IN A CRUCIBLE--
--DISTILLED ME TO MY CORE! AND I KNOW NOW, MORE THAN ANYTHING--
I AM THE MAN WHO NEVER GIVES UP! THAT'S WHO I AM! AND I WILL FIND A WAY TO WIN!
"THIS ISN'T OVER..."

FAR FROM IT.
NOTHING KEEPS ME DOWN, KINGSLEY.
NOT DEATH. BETRAYAL. EVEN THE ENTIRE WORLD AGAINST ME!
EVERY TIME I RISE BACK UP! STRONGER THAN BEFORE! EVERY TIME!
THAT SCAR...
...WHERE THE GLIDER--
IT IS YOU.
OSBORN.

SORRY? WHAT WAS THAT? COULDN'T QUITE HEAR YOU.
ST-STAY AWAY FROM ME!
SAY MY NAME!
KEE-RAKK
SAY IT AGAIN.
HA HA HA!
SAY IT!
OSBORN, WAIT I--
WK K K
YES! THE ONE TRUE GOBLIN!
RUNCHH
FTOOMM
THE GOBLIN KING!

AND I DECREE THAT YOU-- PRETENDER TO THE THRONE--
--MUST DIE--
POK
--BY MY HANDS--
SHUKK SHUKK
SHUCHH
EHKK-- ERKK--
--AROUND YOUR WORTHLESS NECK!
HA HA HA HA
AKH--
KINGSLEY IS DEAD.
LONG LIVE THE KING!
OSBORN! OSBORN! OSBORN!

Avengers Tower.
STOP. RIGHT. THERE.
YOU THINK YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MEDDLE IN MY AFFAIRS BECAUSE I'M AN AVENGER?
FINE! THE SOLUTION HERE IS SIMPLE!
EEEH
I QUIT!
EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES? WELL NO MORE!
BECAUSE WITHOUT ME YOU'RE NOTHING! I DON'T NEED YOU!
I DON'T NEED ANYONE.

HA HA HA! LOOK AT US! ALL TOGETHER! STRONGER THAN EVER!
ONE, BIG HAPPY!
COME OLD FRIENDS AND NEW. BACK UNDERGROUND FOR THE LOT OF YOU.
SO MUCH TO PLAN. SO MUCH TO DO! HEE HEE!
BE RIGHT WITH YOU. GOTTA CHECK SOMETHING FIRST.
'CAUSE I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE. SAME PLACE. SAME GUY.
HELL, I EVEN CHOPPED OFF HIS HEAD. AND IF THAT TAUGHT ME ANYTHING...
...IT'S THAT YOU ALWAYS GOTTA POKE UNDER THE HOOD AND MAKE SURE THAT--
THAT'S NOT HIM.
GOTTA DESTROY THE BODY. NO ONE CAN KNOW...
...OR THE BOSS WILL LOSE HIS CLAIM TO ALL KINGSLEY'S MEN...
...BUT WHERE IS HE? WHERE'S THE REAL HOBGOBLIN?!

3,625 miles away.
I AM RODERICK KINGSLEY. THE ONE AND ONLY ORIGINAL HOBGOBLIN.
HMM.
LEAVE YOU IN FOR FIVE MORE MINUTES...
...THEN ON TO PHASE TWO OF THE WINKLER PROCESS.
MEMORIES OF COMBAT TRAINING. THEN WE'LL WORK ON THE VOICE.
HAVE TO GET THE VOICE RIGHT.
I AM RODERICK KINGSLEY. THE ONE AND ONLY ORIGINAL HOBGOBLIN.
I AM RODERICK KINGSLEY. THE ONE AND ONLY--
I'M GOING TO MISS CLAUDE. FANTASTIC MANSERVANT.
HE MADE A TERRIBLE HOBGOBLIN, BUT HE MADE THE BEST BOUILLABAISSE.
BUT SOME SACRIFICES HAVE TO BE MADE.
JUST NOT SELF-SACRIFICES.
AH WELL. TIME TO LAY LOW AGAIN.
TO PLAN. TO SCHEME. TO RISE ANEW.
HAVE YOUR VICTORY TODAY, OSBORN. YOU EARNED IT.
TO YOU, MY OLD FOE. AND TO GOBLINS EVERYWHERE.
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